

MEMO

To: All

From: Buddy Bynum, Director of Communications, Governor Haley Barbour

Re: Points on HUD Secretary Jackson's visit to Mississippi Gulf Coast

Date: January 17, 2008

1. Meeting on January 22 is a private meeting between the Governor, Secretary and Steps Coalition representatives; no open press coverage.
2. Governor and Secretary will be available to the press later to comment on affordable housing initiatives.
3. On Monday, January 21, Governor's office will do media advisory regarding time and place of press availability; HUD to advise interested national media.
4. At the press availability, Governor and Secretary will outline the following:
 - Mississippi has agreed to commit an additional \$100 million to address affordable housing needs on the Coast;
 - This brings Mississippi's commitment to fund Katrina-related workforce and affordable housing programs on the Coast to a total of \$617 million;
 - The additional money is being made available under the Long Term Workforce Housing program;
 - We recognize the problems associated with restoring/rebuilding the affordable housing stock on the Coast and are happy many interests are working toward solutions.
 - This approach underscores (1) our belief that affordable housing is absolutely vital to Coast recovery, and (2) the state and federal commitment to act boldly to solve the problems.
 - Q&A